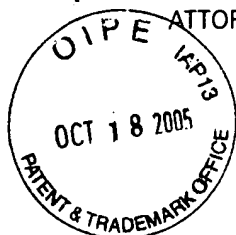


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Sir:

In reply to the "Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 371 In the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)," dated September 6, 2005, Applicants submit the following documents for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$130.00 to cover:
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3. Original Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the inventors;
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4. One (1) return postcard.

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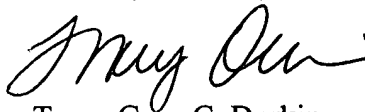
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Respectfully submitted,

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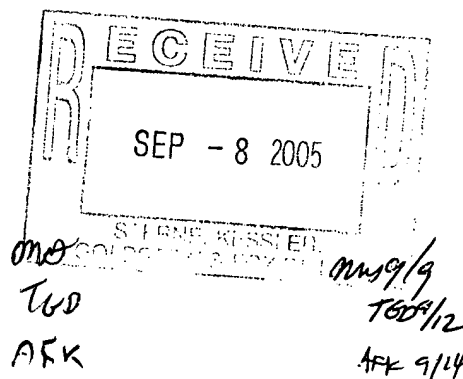
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The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

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The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
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Declaration, Late Oath/Decl Surcharge due November 6, 2005
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Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

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